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DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.175

I, Sanford Cobb, Jr., declare that I believe that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in United States Patent No. 4,906,070 for which I solicit a reissue patent; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified reissue application, including its specification and claims; that I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information of which I am aware that is material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a); that the aforesaid patent is partly inoperative by reason of claiming less than I had the right to claim in the patent; and that said inoperativeness is a result of error that arose inadvertently and without any deceptive intention.

One error relied upon as the basis of this reissue application is that the patent fails to claim, in the form of dependent claims, certain embodiments disclosed in the specification that fall within the genus set forth in the independent claims. For example, although the specification discloses, by means of certain patents incorporated by reference, films having a composite structure in which prisms are bonded to a separate sheet material, the patent fails to include specific claims to such films. This error and any and all other errors being corrected in the reissue application arose without deceptive intention.

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